MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That in pursuance of rule 2 (1) (v) of the Madras Public Libraries Rules, 1950, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker to elect one person to the State Library Committee constituted under section 3 of the Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948 (Madras Act XXIV of 1948).' "

The motion was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" With reference to the Motion of the Hon. Minister for Education regarding the election of one Member of this Assembly to the State Library Committee, I fix 3 p.m., Friday, 4th July 1952, as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for election to the State Library Committee should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.

" If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely, one, a poll will be taken on a date to be announced in due course. The election will be by the ordinary method and not according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.".

VI.—MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated the 27th June 1952, from the Governor :—

(1) 'In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199, clause (1), sub-clause (a) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Bill, 1952.'

(2) 'In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199, clause (1), sub-clause (a) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution) Bill, 1952.'

(3) 'In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Legislative Assembly of the Madras Stage Carriages (Surcharge) Bill, 1952, and in pursuance of clause (3) of the said Article, I also recommend to that Assembly the consideration of the said Bill.'

VII.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS STAGE CARRIAGES (SURCHARGE) BILL, 1952.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move for leave to introduce the Madras Stage Carriages (Surcharge) Bill, 1952."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

'That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Stage Carriages (Surcharge) Bill, 1952.' "

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" We would like to know what exactly is the nature of the Bill."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" That will be explained after introduction."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I oppose the introduction. I would like to have a brief explanation of the objects of the Bill."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Permit him to introduce the Bill. Then he will supply an explanatory note."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" It is a taxation measure for which leave is sought. We do not know what kind of tax it is."

MR. SPEAKER :—" After introduction, the Bill will be published in the Gazette. Then hon. Members will have an opportunity to study the statement of objects and reasons."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Evidently, there is some misunderstanding among hon. Members about the Motion. This is a very formal matter. I am simply introducing a Bill and time will be given to hon. Members to study it and then get ready for discussion. As a matter of fact, we could have published the Bill earlier in the Gazette. But then perhaps nobody might have taken notice of it. The present Motion is to bring the Bill to the notice of the House and it has always been the convention that nobody opposes such a Motion. No statement is called for at this stage because this is only a formal introduction of the Bill."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It has already been circulated to hon. Members."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad that it has been already circulated to hon. Members. Apart from this fact, Sir, when leave is granted for the introduction of the Bill, it does not mean that hon. Members stand committed to the principle underlying the Bill or any of the provisions of the Bill. This is a formal matter and I think I should not take up the time of the House unnecessarily. I hope that such an experienced parliamentarian as the Leader of the Opposition will co-operate with the Government so that we may get through the business of the House."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" We are not objecting to the Government bringing in as many measures against the people of this State as they like. But we want to know the provisions of this Bill. My attention is now drawn to the fact that the Bill has already been circulated and that 'such an experienced parliamentarian as I' should not oppose the Motion and that it has always been the convention that a Motion for leave for introduction of a Bill is not opposed. I would like to remind the Leader of the House of one fact. How many times have the Government not opposed private Members' Motions for leave? If there should be a convention it must apply to both sides."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" I cannot allow a debate on this. The question is—

'That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Stage Carriages (Surcharge) Bill, 1952.' "

The motion was carried and the Bill introduced.

(2) THE MADRAS IRRIGATION (LEVY OF BETTERMENT CONTRIBUTION) BILL, 1952.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I move—

'*For leave to introduce the Madras Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution) Bill*, 1952.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

'That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution) Bill 1952 '."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, there is a change in the Agenda. I have no objection to our taking up this Bill now. But let it be done after a Motion for change in the order of business is moved and carried."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the Madras Requisitioned Land (Continuance of Powers) Bill is coming up for consideration. But the other two Bills put down for today are not for consideration but for mere introduction. It is for this reason that a change was effected and this change is clearly indicated in the supplemental Agenda which states that item (2) of the Agenda will be renumbered as item (4)."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I have no objection to the change in the order. But it must be made after observing the procedure laid down for the purpose."

9-45 a.m. * THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Our view is that it is according to the Agenda. It is included in the Supplementary Agenda circulated to the Members. According to the amendment circulated to the original agenda, The Madras Requisitioned Land (Continuance of Powers) Bill will be taken up as item (4). It is in continuation of the items (2) and (3) included in the Supplementary Agenda."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The order of business can now be changed if the Hon. Minister moves a Motion to that effect."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If it is considered by the Speaker that there is a change in the order of the business, I am prepared to move a Motion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is no need for a Motion to change the order. We shall take up the Madras Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution) Bill, 1952, first and then the other two items."